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15,000 Livestock Premises Registered in Wisconsin

VERONA, WI (August 12, 2005) The Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC), along with its partners, has registered 15,000, of the predicted 60-70,000, livestock premises in the state. Each premises registration brings us closer to the day when Wisconsin's livestock industry will be prepared to respond within 48 hours in the event of an animal disease outbreak.

The Wisconsin Premises Registration Act requires anyone who keeps, houses, or co-mingles livestock to register their premises effective November 1, 2005. There is a compliance window for registrations. Premises that are not currently licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) are required to register by January 1, 2006. Those premises currently licensed by the Department must register as part of their annual license renewal date.

"Livestock," as defined by the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act rules, includes aquaculture, bovine (bison, cattle), camelids (llamas, alpacas), cervidae (deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer and the subfamily musk deer), equine (horses, donkeys, mules), goats, pheasants, poultry (chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowl), quail, ratites (rheas, ostriches, emu, cassowary, kiwi), sheep, and swine.

There are four ways to register premises at no cost: computer registration at www.wiid.org is available by clicking on the link for WLIC Premises Registration; a premises registration form can be mailed directly in response to a producer who calls WLIC at 1-888-808-1910; a producer may register premises by requesting a WLIC agent to register premises on his/her behalf -- listed on the web site at www.wiid.org; or visit an FSA office for on-line registration or to pick up a paper form.

A data base for Premises Registration is the foundation for a national animal ID trace back system.

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